

Winnepesaukee H.O.G. 2529 Chapter Meeting Minutes for March 10, 2019

- The following primary officers were in attendance, Fran Maineri, Joe Newman, Joe Monti and 42 members. Meeting started at 10 am.
- Greeting - Joe Boucher opened up with his joke of the day and the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted the April meeting will start at 9 am going forward for the riding season. A questionnaire was handed out to each member to get input so that the Chapter can be the best we can be!
- Opening Words - Will Swart started off by reminding all that it is 10 days until Spring! Will stated a few words regarding his decision for a change of a primary officer. He took a lot of time to think about this and he felt that it was the best direction for the chapter moving forward. If you have any concerns, please see Will if Rick cannot address it. People have been talking about Big Brother meddling from the dealership. This is not Will's intention, BUT, if there are concerns, or challenges going on in the chapter, he will be involved with it! He is there to be the liaison and advisor to assist along the way. Will stated that the primary officers met Friday night and the relationship between the officers, chapter and dealership have been better than ever!
- Director Fran Maineri addressed the chapter with a few words that he had already e mailed out to the membership and added that he was thankful that he had the confidence of many to lead the chapter. He has much enthusiasm going forward and wants to keep the fun in the chapter. He looks forward to an excellent riding season! The Ride Committee put together a fantastic riding season. Fran stated that he is always available to the chapter members for any chapter related business. He would prefer to hear from membership regarding complaints, observations and suggestions before any misunderstandings or problems so that there can be a resolution. Fran will be looking for a lot of volunteers going forward for the many activities the chapter will be involved with. Starting with today, he will have an agenda going forward for each meeting. Once the riding season starts, the agenda will be very

quick business and then off to ride! Fran pointed out from the last meeting there was a mistake with the beginning and ending balance of the chapter funds. It seems the numbers were reported in reverse. A motion was made by Mike Egler to amend last month's meeting minutes accordingly and it was seconded by many and accepted into today's minutes.

- Treasurer's Report - Joe Monti started off by showing his new name tag: Joe Monti for Thornton Selectmen! Joe will be running for Selectmen in his town this Tuesday! If you live in Thornton, come out to vote! Joe went into his Treasurer's Report for the month of Feb 2nd 2019 ending March 8th 2019. Joe gave the Treasurers report and made it available for review by anyone that wished to see it, it is now on file.

Joe explained that our chapter is a 501 (c)(7) organization and all state and federal laws need to be followed accordingly. Also, the H.O.G Chapter Charter rules as well as the Winnepesaukee Chapter 2529 rules need to be adhered to. Additionally, 501 (c)(7) organization funds come from the membership and the majority is to be spent on the membership. Every penny was accounted for last year and we were not missing any money. \$1700.00 more was spent last year than was brought in. Going forward there will be a specified budget for each discretionary officer. Example: The Event Committee will be given \$2,300 to go towards spending for activities that the chapter will have for 2019. The Safety Officer will have a budget of \$500 to go towards safety training that the officer puts together for the year. H.O.T Training's budget in the past was \$2,500-\$2,700 and is now \$1,200 for this year. It is now called Regional Officer Connections or (R.O.C) Training. This is now a one day training event. A full detailed 2019 Budget sheet is available for any member's review. A new category has been added of Riding Awards & Challenges which would award membership for whatever challenge gets decided upon that particular year by the primary officers. Membership will remain at \$20 a member for 2019 with the expectation that it will rise for the calendar year 2020. The increase will be decided and voted upon by the end of 2019. H.O.G Chapter charter allows dues to be up to \$36 a member. A question was asked if the membership gets to vote on it? The answer was yes. Once the primary officers decide on the increase

for next year, it will be brought to the table of the membership to vote on. Much discussion ensued regarding the budget and membership dues. Joe M. explained that the membership numbers were down from prior years and the primary officers are being prudent and are looking for a revenue neutral year. Will Swart added to the conversation that solvency needs to stay in place and the budget can always be looked at and adjusted down the road. A question was asked regarding the Altrusa Event where the chapter donates a Christmas tree to a needy family. Will we still be able to do so? The answer was yes. The members donate the gift cards on their own. A member asked about if safety courses will be offered this year as that is good for all of the membership. The safety officer has been charged with bringing to the primary officers ideas for safety programs offered for the 2019 season. Regina has started a list today of what people's interests are for CPR programs etc. If programs exceed the budgeted amount for the year for safety officer, than the primary officers will decide if the membership can pay additional money for any given program decided upon. This was done in the past. A question was asked regarding if the membership has the right to vote on this budget? The answer was no and that the primary officers and LHD management decide on the budget. A discussion ensued on this and Will Swart reminded all that a budget was never voted on in the past. The purpose of having a budget is to understand, clarify and spend the funds on the chapter members. It was explained that discretionary funds were used in the past year that weren't voted on. That back in 2015 it was voted on that the Director can spend up to \$300 on chapter expenditures without any vote or permission. The primary officers have revisited that policy and have changed it to a limit of \$100 and only in an emergency situation if the subject or expenditure cannot wait until the next meeting. Joe Monti made a motion to rescind the old limit of \$300 and it was seconded by many. A yes vote followed. While some members continued to question why the membership doesn't vote on the budget, many other members also discussed that they understood that the budget is just a guideline and needed for any organization to proceed efficiently. Joe Monti made a motion for a procedure of an emergency expenditure not to exceed \$100 and will be approved by both the director and treasurer. Gerry Fernandez seconded the motion and all were in favor.

- Discretionary Officers - Website update: Lana Dearborn has been working on updating the chapter website and asked all Road Captains for updated pictures for the website. Please send them to Lana7879@gmail.com. You can also send it to Rick or Will too. She also requested that when there is a ride if the Road Captain can take a group picture and send it to her so that she can put it on the website. Also, this will help with the end of the year collection of pictures if someone would still be putting together the end of the year video. You can send the pictures in a jpg format. Rick added for appropriate pictures only please!
- Membership Report - Gerry updated those present that we have 163 active members. As of the month of Jan/Feb. we had 55 memberships which was comprised of 47 renewals and 8 new memberships.
- Committee Reports - Iron Adventure Rally: Barb Harris updated the membership that all the rooms for the rally are booked but there are some condo rooms available. There are also some hotels in the area that still have rooms. There will be a shuttle bus throughout the area to the rally. There is no meal plan at the rally. Carl is in charge of activities such as games, trivia, parade of flags, scavenger hunt, etc. Please consider volunteering if you're going to the rally. The chapter gets points for that. They are looking for a volunteer to be the Chapter Challenge Coordinator. This person keeps track of volunteer points and reports them to the rally. This year they are collecting rally raffle merchandise as well. The next Rally Committee Meeting is April 6th 2019 at LHD. The meeting will be open to the public at 1 pm for anyone to attend. The Iron Adventure Rally is at Okemo Jackson Gore in Vermont July 18-20th. Barb suggested if our chapter would still take out an ad for the rally book which costs \$100. More info at members@hog.com. The next Winnepesaukee H.O.G 2529 newsletter will be coming out April 1st. If you have an entry to that, please have it in by March 25th.
- Ride Committee - Joe Newman reported on Ride 365 results. The #1 chapter from the northeast was; Ocean State RI. We finished 12th in the region! This was out of 170 or so chapters. Seacoast was #2. They had 73 members registered. Only 46 members signed up

from our chapter. Hopefully more people will sign up this year. New items for 2019 for Ride 365 will be new different challenges for individual prizes. Example, a \$1500 gift card for a member who accumulates the most points. One challenge is taking a picture with the latest H.O.G. Magazine by each dealership. Our chapter averaged 4,400 miles last year. The Ride Committee finalized the schedule with 27 rides including 2 overnights. This is without our Motorcycle Week rides such as Bentley's, Ride to the Sky, and Ladies of Harley Ride. There are plenty of open weekends for pick up rides and there aren't rides scheduled on holiday weekends. There are plenty of LHD dealership events for members to attend and to earn volunteer points if they help out. Such as on Demo Days, etc. The Road Captain Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 24th at 3pm. A question was asked how many people do you need to make a chapter ride? Answer was no minimum amount needed but you have to have a Road Captain with a sign in sheet. Also have a release waiver for anyone who is not a member and follow all chapter rules. Our riding season doesn't start until Sunday May 5th with the first ride to Cabela's in Scarborough Maine. The International Woman's Rider Day is Sat. May 4th. An App called **Rained Out**, will be a main source of communication if rides are cancelled or changed for any reason throughout the season. You will be getting an invite from the Director at Winnipisaukee H.O.G.2529. Once you download the App and accept the invite, you will find it as an easy way for updated communication regarding rides. Once you're registered, you will get automatic messages immediately. More info to come on this. The instructions for registering for this APP will be in the April Newsletter and on the Winni Website.

- Discretionary Officers Meeting - There will be a short meeting for these officers after the meeting.
- Old Business - Rick has shared that on March 24th, between 1-3 pm there will be a Woman's Harley 101 event including Riding Academy people to do demos. Also on March 30th there is a Resolution to Ride Event where the first 10 people who show up with their motorcycle will get a prize. You can sign up until the April Open House. Please e mail Rick if you are interested in the Pittsburgh, NH club overnight ride led by himself from August 16- 18th. Rick still needs volunteers for April 13/14 Demo Days and on April 28th as

well. Again, More than Rewards points are earned for volunteers. For Motorcycle Week, we will need many volunteers and will have a committee as well as a chairperson for that week to help with chapter volunteering and planning for chapter fundraisers.

- Swim for Special Olympics - Mike Egler came dressed in his hippie outfit today with all intentions of taking a swim for the good cause of Special Olympics. Only thing was when he arrived with others this morning, no one was there! Turns out that due to the weather, they had the dip yesterday! Mike will be donating the funds he raised and noted that this year would have been his 10th year participating in this event. Way to go Mike!
- Freebies - Kat Murphy brought in H.O.G 115th Anniversary key chains to anyone who wants one. Thank you Kat!
- Raffle- LHD had 2 raffles today as well as Monti Maple Farms donating a jug of maple syrup. Three lucky winners won. Our Membership Donation was won by Don Winget of \$86 which he donated to the Chapter.
- Meeting adjourned approximately 12:15 pm. These Minutes are respectfully submitted by Maria Newman as Cindy Winget did not feel well and could not be at the meeting.